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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is gratifying to notice the various schemes among the Hindus, all of which mark the substantial progress which is being made in ethical culture and civilization. The latest, and probably the most radical movement, among the Hindus of the United Provinces is reported from Allahabad by the *Indian People*. We quote the following summary from the *Arya Patrika*:

"The association will be located at Allahabad but members will be taken from the whole Province. It has been agreed that intending members must take certain pledges before they are taken in and the following are the compulsory pledges: (1) To educate their daughters or other female wards before the age of 12; (2) not to marry their daughters or other female wards before the age of 12; (3) to lead a life of purity; (4) not to invite a nautch-woman or other fallen woman for singing, dancing or other purposes, and not to attend any social entertainment where such women are present; (5) and to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors or drugs. The members may, at their option, take one or more of the following pledges and the fact of their having done so will be mentioned in the Annual Report: (1) not to marry their daughters or other female wards before puberty; (2) not to marry their sons or other male wards before they are 18 years of age and able to support a family; (3) to partake of refreshments at a common table, irrespective of caste; (4) to partake of dinner at a common table irrespective of caste; (5) to dine with persons of one's own caste irrespective of sub-caste, who have disregarded the prohibition of the remarriage of women; (7) to dine with persons of one's own caste who have disregarded the prohibition of Foreign travel; (8) not to accept any dowry on the occasion of one's marriage. Babu Ramananda Chatterji M. A., Principal of the Kayastha Pathshala, Allahabad, and a fellow of the Allahabad University has been elected Secretary of the Association. At a subsequent meeting held on the 20th ultimo, the rules for the conduct of business of the Association were considered and passed and business will now commence in right earnest. A public appeal will be issued explaining the aims and objects of the Association and inviting public sympathy and support. It has very nearly been resolved to have a small monthly journal at Allahabad to advocate the cause of reform."

We wish this movement all success. In the accomplishment of it, the chief difficulty will be to secure that courageous and consistent adherence to principle that is necessary

to keep the movement from becoming weak and inefficient in its practical working.

The American people are justly criticised and condemned by the civilized world for the anti-negro sentiment of its southern population. It is true that the African people, resident in the Southern states, disclose much of the savage lust and cruelty which belonged their heathen forefathers and they have to be restrained by a strong hand. There are many regions where no white woman can travel alone with safety. No white woman will go out unguarded by white men after dark. Not only so, but many cases of violent outrages have been committed in daylight within the walls of their own homes. Under such circumstances, it is natural for the white men to be aroused to a fury of vengeful anger and the result is the hanging or the burning.

But all this is wrong because the laws of the land provide for the punishment of such crimes and law should not be brought into contempt by lawless acts.

The *Arya Patrika's* informant is mistaken and supposing that those who practice these lawless acts are Christian people. They are not. All Christian people in America denounce such acts of violence. The Christian influence is gradually impressing itself upon the populace and the catalogue of such crimes has been greatly reduced. We do not blame our Indian friends for such misconceptions, any more that we blame our less cultured American people for believing that the Hindus generally are thugs and murderous sepoys. Uncultured peoples usually rush from such scant premises to broad conclusions. Christianity is the guide of the life of many Americans, but alas it is true of every generation of Christians that "Many are called, but few are chosen."

Perhaps no one disease is so prevalent among the people of the Panjab as Tuberculosis. Plague and smallpox and cholera are justly dreaded, but none of them account for so many deaths as this dread malady. It is a "pestilence that walketh in darkness" and a "distraction that wasteth at noonday." Many of the world's greatest scientists backed

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eked by the wealth of its great philanthropists are engaged in a study of the cause and cure of tubercular disease.

This week we begin to give our readers a series of papers on this subject. They were sent to us by our friend Dr. M. B. Carleton, who urges that they be translated and scattered broadcast.

It is a joy to announce good news. This time it is our privilege to announce the appointment to the Panjab Mission of our Church the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Christian Borup, with special reference to the Industrial work of the Saharanpur Industrial School. Mr. Borup is not only a thorough workman in several of the mechanical arts but a thorough Evangelist and a Missionary of eight years experience in Western India. We shall hail his arrival as the beginning of real progress in manual training and practical work for the advancement of the industrial classes in the Indian Church.

Current Thought and Incident.

SKEPTICISM.

It may be well that in some way, at some time, we have all of us doubted some of the truths that were once so sure and so precious to us; and I may say to all of you who are in any stage of skepticism, be sure that your doubt is honest, and not born of a faithless will, an unbelieving life, a result of a struggle to press your life more deeply into God's life, and not to escape from your allegiance to Him with its restrictions.

Be hopeful, and try to think that at least the sun may be shining still, even if you cannot see it. Do not insist on staying in your dark cave with your back to the entrance where the sun, if there were a sun, could never reach you, but be willing to come out into its possible illumination; then throw your thoughts, your investigations, your studies, strongly and conscientiously in the direction of Jesus Christ, asking him, in whom you do have an underlying faith as a reliable person, whether he be not the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Study honestly the works and character of Jesus while on earth, and the results that faith in him has effected in the world and in your own life. See duty done, sin overcome, standards enlarged and enriched, noble living suggested and made possible wherever his wonderful influence has touched the life of man; and if these do not convince you that he is the Christ, hope still for the salvation of mankind, trust in the highest possibilities of mankind, be sure that there will be, there must be, some Saviour; struggle to help your fellows to some salvation, such as Jesus saw and suffered and struggled to gain and give them; and we who are so sure of God, so hopeful for man, so certain of the perfection of the relation Christ sustains to God on one side and man on the other; we who have so evident proof of his Christhood in its influence on our own lives can be perfectly sure for you that the Jesus who has proved himself to us will also manifest himself to you in all his divine fitness and inspiration, and can pray God for you and ask you to pray for yourselves that you may be honest and open and faithful and hopeful, that God may manifest himself to you as he has so often and so richly done to us.

"Let us all pray that it may be so for others and for ourselves even though our doubts, our unbeliefs, our souls may come into deeper and closer union with Christ, who has set us to seek him who is so ready to manifest himself unto us."

Phillips Brooks.

HOW TO AVOID CONTRACTING TUBERCULOSIS (CONSUMPTION)

TRACT NO. I.

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Tuberculosis, popularly known under the names of consumption, decline, scrofula, marasmus, wasting disease, inanition, lupus and white swelling, is a contagious disease, which means that every new case is produced by exposure to some other case. The knowledge of this fact gives the key note to personal avoidance of the disease. Fortunately science has demonstrated how a person suffering from tuberculosis can give it to another, and hence we know just what to do to avoid getting it. This knowledge moreover brings us great consolation, for it takes away all cause for fear and for oppressing the unfortunate victims of the disease. To avoid consumption ourselves we do not have to be unkind to our dear ones who have it, nor to deprive them of the society of their relatives, or in fact of any of the comforts of this life. The contagium of tuberculosis lies entirely and alone in the pus (matter) given off either in the form of spit in consumption, of matter in abscesses and in lupus, or of discharges from the bowels in marasmus and in tuberculous of the bowels. In short, pus (matter given off from a tubercular sore wherever it may be, is the means of giving the disease to somebody else.

This tubercular pus can find its way into a healthy person principally in three ways: First, through the stomach; second, through the lungs, or third, through an open wound. First, THROUGH THE STOMACH: When people eat imperfectly cooked tuberculous meat, drink milk from badly diseased tubercular cows, eat food out of the same dishes or with the same eating utensils as consumptives, eat food with unwashed hands after having been in contact with tubercular patients, eat food that has been handled by persons suffering from tuberculosis, put coins, articles of toilet or other small objects that have been handled by persons suffering from tuberculosis into the mouth, use musical instruments or implements which, when in use, are placed to the lips or in the mouth and which have been used by consumptives, kiss upon the lips persons suffering from consumption, swallow tubercular pus in the form of dust which has accumulated in the throat and noses during the act of respiration. Secondly, THROUGH THE LUNGS: When people inhale dried-up tubercular pus in the form of dust. Thirdly, THROUGH WOUNDS: When people get tubercular pus into an open cut or an abrasion of the skin.

Of the three ways in which the disease germ gets into the system that by the stomach is the most frequent. There is not so much danger of getting tuberculosis by eating meat and drinking milk that people need be afraid to use these articles. Thorough cooking destroys the bacillus tuberculosis and therefore removes all danger; but even this need not be resorted to in the case of milk when the dairyman is known to be careful and honest. If you do not know your dairyman you had better boil your milk. You can do most towards protecting yourself against tuber-

culous meat and milk however by exerting your influence to bring about proper government inspection of slaughter houses and dairies. If you are living in the same house with a consumptive, be careful not to use the same dishes and eating utensils, unless they have been first thoroughly boiled. Above all things do not eat of the delicacies which have been sent to the invalid, and which he has eaten of, nor help him sip his wine. When you have been in contact with tubercular patients wash your hands at your earliest convenience, and be sure to wash them carefully before eating. Do not buy any food from a person suffering from tuberculosis, and as a matter of general precaution, have all food which goes on the table raw well washed. Never put coins, articles of toilet or other small objects into your mouth, for they may have been used by a consumptive just before falling into your hands. This is particularly true of money and when such has been handled the hands ought to be washed before eating. A most prudent habit to form is never to eat without first having carefully washed the hands. Do not use a pipe, wind instrument, such as a flute or horn, or an instrument or implement which goes to the lips or into the mouth, that has been in use by a consumptive. Do not kiss persons on the mouth who are suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs when the disease has arrived at the stage when they begin to spit. Even with the cleanliest persons some spittle will adhere to the lips when a handkerchief has been used. When you have for any length of time been in a room with a consumptive, in which perfect sanitary measures are not practiced, do not swallow your spittle until you have had an opportunity to rinse your mouth and throat. If you are compelled to be about a consumptive frequently, endeavor to have him disinfect all tubercular pus immediately upon its being thrown off for in this way you protect yourself against all danger. Should you not be in a position to see this carried out avoid as far as possible inhaling dust in the room or upon the premises. Never allow clothing or furniture that has been used by a consumptive or that has been kept in a house occupied by a consumptive to come into your house or room until it has been thoroughly disinfected. When you are compelled to change your residence be sure to make inquiry about the house into which you are going to move as to whether or not it has been occupied by a consumptive, and if it has, see that it is thoroughly disinfected before you move into it. The walls of the room which was occupied by the consumptive ought to be scraped and washed with some powerful disinfectant such as mercury or carbolic acid.

There is a great deal in family and individual predisposition to tuberculosis. If any of your family have died of the disease it is some evidence that you are prone to it, and you ought as a matter of prudence to keep away from it as much as possible. Individual predisposition is usually acquired and consist chiefly in a run-down condition or a deformed or improperly developed chest. If you are suffering from dyspepsia do not permit it to run on, but have it remedied at once. Stomach troubles are powerful predisposing causes of tuberculosis. Malnutrition of any kind predisposes to the disease. If you are losing weight, or if you find that your food disagrees with you in any way seek a remedy. Perfectly healthy digestion and assimilation are excellent guarantees against tuberculosis. Don't forget, however, that the excessive use of alcoholic drinks produces indigestion and irritability of the digestive tract and in this way becomes a prolific predisposing cause of tuberculosis. Loss of rest and worry become predisposing causes by lowering the nerve force of the body and thus interfering with digestion and assimilation. Have regular hours of sleep and avoid worry of all kind, but do this especially when you are unavoidably exposed to

the disease. If you have a deformed or badly developed chest, you need be especially not to expose yourself to tuberculosis. Develop and improve your chest by pulmonary gymnastics. Let your sleeping-room be well ventilated, and spend as much time as possible in the open air. If possible obtain employment which will keep you out-of-doors.

It has been shown that a non-porous soil predisposes to tuberculosis. If your dwelling-place is damp see that it is properly drained and made dry by means of cement. If you can select your home, choose it on a porous open soil.

Impress indelibly upon your mind that no new case of tuberculosis can arise without an old one. If you can therefore absolutely avoid cases and every source of infection you are safe whatever predisposing cause you may labor under. With the present prevalence of the disease, however, no one can avoid every source of infection, and it therefore becomes important that predisposing causes as well as sources of infection should be avoided.

NOT FRENZY BUT FAITH.

"If I believed as you do, I should be in a frenzy of excitement about my friends who haven't been converted. I should want to scream in their ears continually to escape for their lives, as if they were in a house on fire." So said a Unitarian to me once with great earnestness, almost vehemence of expression. A similar idea is broached in the not uncommon statement: "The Orthodox are inconsistent. Their principles ought to make them miserable in view of the condition of the world; but in fact they are as happy as anybody."

A sound mind, without stopping to reason, sees that you do not save a soul in the same way as you startle a man out of a burning building or out of the way of a railroad train. Undeniably, the ruin of a soul is infinitely worse than the burning or crushing of this poor body; but it takes more than a loud nervous cry to lead men to Jesus; to begin in them the deep transforming experience of true piety. Even if it be granted that an evangelical believer ought to feel in this frantic manner, his common sense would dictate a wiser course of action.

The illustration of a burning house has a double application. I remember that once a lady teacher told a large school of little children, in a very quiet way, that the schoolhouse was on fire, and that they might pass out of the room in the usual order—which they did. Would it have been any more "consistent," if she had screamed "Fire! fire!" and frightened from the room a crowding, suffocating mass of humanity?

But the great reason why earnest, consistent Christians are not tempted into these frantic efforts, is that they have FAITH—faith in God and in his gospel. Faith is incompatible with distraction, or despair, or any frenzied demonstrations. We believe in God. He is our Sovereign and our Father. God loves these imperilled souls. Jesus died for them. Every breath they draw is evidence of divine mercy. If they are lost, it will be because they break through a barrier of divine interposition, in comparison with which our most excited efforts are as nothing.

In saving men, fellow-Christian, you are working with God, not against him, not instead of him. Your friends have the Bible, the Sabbath, public worship, preaching, the prayer-meeting, the example of faithful Christians, private warnings and and counsels from you and others, and



the prayers of the church. All this is no reason why still another earnest appeal should not be made to them; but it does, and should, temper that terrible anxiety which would overwhelm you if you felt that "nothing is done to save them." They are responsible beings. They are under the gospel. If you were faithful to them yesterday, you need not dishonor the gospel by despair to-day.

The history of successful private Christian labor is instructive on this point. I have in mind a brother in Christ, now in heaven, who almost every day did something expressly for the conversion of men. Never did I see a more uniformly cheerful face. He was always beaming with love and gentle goodness. He had faith, and was calm. The awful doom of sinners never overclouded the ineffable mercy of Jesus. He believed them both. To believe the former without the latter might produce distraction. The way is to believe them both, and then we can rise to some degree of that serene endeavor which Jesus exemplified.

L. S. P.

THE MYSTERY OF RADIUM.

FIRE THAT IS NOT QUENCHED.

M. Curie, a French physicist of the highest reputation and attainments, has made a communication to the Academy of Sciences which, says the *Times*, would have been received with absolute incredulity had it been offered on less unimpeachable authority. He finds that a substance of comparatively recent discovery, to which the name of Radium has been given, and in the isolation of which he has had the indefatigable and invaluable assistance of Mme. Curie, possesses the extraordinary property of continuously emitting heat, without combustion, without chemical change of any kind, and without any change in its molecular structure, which remains spectroscopically identical after many months of continuous emission of heat. He finds, further, that Radium maintains its own temperature at a point 1.5deg. Centigrade, or 27deg. on our ordinary scale, above its surroundings. To put the matter in other way, the actual quantity of heat evolved is such that the pure Radium salt would melt more than its own weight of ice every hour. Or, again, half a pound of the Radium salt would evolve in one hour heat equal to that produced by the burning of one-third of a cubic foot of hydrogen gas; and this evolution of heat goes on continuously for indefinite periods, leaving the salt at the end of months of activity just as potent as at the beginning.

Radium has excited the keenest interest by its power of throwing off rays, vibrations, emanations, or whatever we may call them, which, when received upon a sensitive screen of barium platino-cyanide or zinc sulphide, cause it to glow with a phosphorescent light. Sir William Crookes, who has investigated this subject with the most brilliant results, gave a very beautiful demonstration at the meeting of the Royal Society last week. Viewed through a magnifying glass, the sensitive screen is seen to be the object of a veritable bombardment by particles of infinite minuteness, which, themselves invisible, make known their arrival on the screen by flashes of light, just as a shell coming from the blue announces itself by an explosion. According

to the nature of the receiving screen, they show a mass of discrete scintillations or a diffused glow, very much as falling rain will cause a general wetness on one surface while it runs off another in drops. Through working with only a few milligrammes of the Radium salt, Sir William Crookes found that so extraordinary is the output of these emanations that every vessel with which they came in contact, and even the fingers of the operator, acquired temporarily the power of exciting phosphorescence on the sensitive screen. Yet, notwithstanding their infinite number and the ceaselessness of their emission, the mass of the radiating body appears to suffer no diminution.

Remarkable as are these photogenic properties of Radium, it is obvious that M. Curie has introduced us to forces of a totally different order of magnitude. Phosphorescence occurs in nature, as for example, in the glow-worm and in certain bacteria, in conditions of energy which is absolutely infinitesimal as compared with what we have to expend to produce light. Hence the phosphorescence of sensitive screen under the influence of Radium emanations does not necessarily take us beyond a region in which light is an accident of processes infinitely minute, though not on that account less worthy of investigation. But heat sufficient to raise the mercury in the thermometer by 27 deg. is a different thing altogether, and when the output of this heat is maintained indefinitely without any visible compensation to the heat given body, we are in presence of a physical effect which is not only appreciable, but considerable. That effect must have a cause, for we are not to suppose that we have at last hit upon perpetual motion. Investigation of that cause is full of promise for the physicist. Apparently we have in Radium a substance having the power to gather up and convert into heat some form of ambient energy with which we are not yet acquainted. Other substances, mostly of high atomic weight,

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possess its radiant properties to a less well-marked extent, and research may prove that transparency to the unknown form of energy is merely a question of degree. M. Becquerel gave a powerful initial impulse to the study of this subject by his discovery that uranium continuously emits some kind of rays or emanations capable of affecting sensitive plates. It is calculated by M. and Mme. Curie that Radium is 500,000 times as powerful as uranium.

The physiological action of these Radium emanations is very powerful, though time is required for its development. A small tube containing Radium if kept in contact with the skin for some hours, or even if carried in the waistcoat pocket, produces an open sore, by destroying the epidermis and the true skin beneath. Its effects do not however, appear to extend to the subjacent tissues, and the sore remains superficial. On the other hand, Radium emanations act powerfully upon the nerve substance, and cause the death of living things whose nerve centres do not lie deep enough to be shielded from their influence.

C. & M. Gazette.

GOLDEN SENTENCES.

—Let us not be of those who discourage others by telling them how bad the way is, or that it is not for them, or that the sacrifice is terrible, or that they can never succeed. Let us go out of our way to cheer others up; and let us make the entrance to the church and the Christian life as easy as we can for the little children, of whom the Saviour thinks a good deal more highly than he can of us.—Robert E. Speer.

—To follow Christ is not to go out from the world. Christ came into the world. It is not living apart from the world. Christ lived among men and dwelt with them. It is not doing great things. It is carrying into our common life the spirit that Christ carried into his common life. Christ came to make men happy. "I have come," he says, "that the blind may see, that the imprisoned may be set free, that the sorrowing may be comforted, that the poor may have glad tidings." And wherever he went he did make men happy; he carried joy with him; he was a joy-distributor. To follow Christ is to make others happy. We cannot give sight to the blind, but we can help a blind man across the street. We cannot give hearing to the deaf, but we can give him assistance. We cannot feed five thousand, but we can contribute something to feeding the hungry. We cannot call the dead to life, but we can carry the life of our own faith into the home that is darkened by death. We can carry comfort, peace, joy, into other lives as Christ carried them into other lives.—Lyman Abbott, D. D.

The stronger our faith, the greater will be our happiness and safety, so that we can cheerfully do and suffer what God imposes upon us, and this because we know that he is merciful and full of love toward us.—Luther.

Life, misfortune, isolation, abandonment, poverty, are the fields of battle which have their heroes—obscure heroes, who are sometimes grander than those who win renown.—Victor Hugo.

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Ask, for the need is sore;
Seek for His secret store;
Knock at mercy's door;
Pray Christian, pray.

Say not the fields are sear;
Deem not the prospect drear;
Pray, Christian, pray,
Faith shall revive with prayer;
Hope shall her harvest bear;
Love never can despair;
Pray, Christian, pray.

Under the blight and stain,
Bearing in hope her pain,
Pray, Christian, pray,
Earth with her guilty fears,
Her wrongs and bitter tears,
Sighs through the weary years.

Pray, Christian, pray,
Prayer is a weapon strong,
Wield it against the wrong,
Pray, Christian, pray,
Naught shall thy soul appall;
Satan is doomed to fall;
Christ shall be Lord of all;
Pray, Christian, pray.

Plead every promise old,
Oh, for a faith more bold!
Pray, Christian, pray,
Come, for Thy Bride all fair;
Israel's wastes repair;
Hasten the Crown to wear.
Pray, Christian, pray.

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The British press is horrified at the Belgrade crime, and exhorts the powers not to recognise a successor who is not able to prove his innocence of complicity in the tragedy.

AUSTRIAN OPINION.

A semi-official statement made at Vienna regards the establishment of the Karageorgevitch dynasty as the best solution for the peace of the country, and declares that Austro-Hungarian policy is absolutely neutral in Servian affairs, and Austria would only intervene if Austrian interests are menaced, which is not anticipated in the present circumstances.

DETAILS OF THE TRAGEDY.

An official statement at Belgrade states that besides Their Majesties, two of the Queen's brothers, the Premier, the Minister of War and four officers were assassinated. The Minister of the Interior and a General were severely wounded.

Accounts of the tragedy are still conflicting. It is stated that Their Majesties perished locked in each other's arms, and that the Queen was killed by a stroke from an axe, and the King shot.

ELECTION OF A KING.

The national convention summoned for the 15th instant will elect a King, the election being subject to recognition by Russia and Austria.

REJOICING AT BELGRADE.

Belgrade is quiet, and rejoicing and illuminations took place last evening.

BURIAL OF THE BODIES.

The bodies of King Alexander and Queen Draga were unceremoniously buried last night in the Obrenovitch family vault.

ATTITUDE OF THE POWERS.

The Powers have evidently resolved to acquiesce in the situation, especially in view of the attitude of the Servians, who loudly abuse the late regime especially execrating Queen Draga.

Madras, June 12.

From further information which has reached Madras regarding the colliery accident at Singarini, it appears that during yesterday ten more workmen were rescued from the collapsed pit, which leaves only five more to be accounted for. It appears that 384 persons in all were in the mine at the time of the accident. The total list of casualties now compiled shows that 10 were killed and nine injured. Considering the nature of the accident and the large number of persons entombed, the comparatively small number of casualties is little short of marvellous.

LORD ROSEBERRY ON IMPERIAL UNITY.

* London, June 13.

Lord Rosebery, presiding at the Liberal League dinner, said that he thought Mr. Chamberlain really aimed at unifying the Empire, but had insufficiently thought out the plan. Lord Rosebery said he could conceive nothing so detrimental to the Empire. He spoke entirely from the point of view of an Imperialist who had been at work on these questions for twenty-three years, and who had not overlooked the bond of union which might be cemented if Zollverein was possible or practical.

STATEMENT BY KARAGEORGEVITCH.

London, June 13.

Karageorgevitch, interviewed to-day at Geneva, deplored the bloodshed at Belgrade and the share the army had taken in it. He declared that he himself was ignorant of the whole plot.

THE NEW REGIME.

Servia is quiet. All Prisoners for political and press offences have been released.

MADE IN JAPAN

After the election of the King to-morrow the Skuptschina will adjourn till the arrival of the King, who forms the new Ministry.

KELANTAN IN BRITISH HANDS.

London, June 14.

A telegram from Bangkok received in Paris says that the Anglo-Siamese agreement has been signed, leaving the administration of Kelantan in the hands of the English, whose Resident must be approved by the King. A British guard of three hundred men will be maintained.

TURKISH EXCESSES.

London, June 14.

As a result of excesses of Turkish troops and Bashi Bazouks the population of the Kirk Kilisseh district have been seized with panic and 1,350 fugitives arrived in the Bargas district on Friday, and the influx continues.

THE "SHAMROCK" AT NEWYORK.

London, June 14.

The *Shamrock* has arrived at New York after a stormy voyage, but sustained no damage.

LETTER FROM MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

London, June 15.

Mr Chamberlain, replying to a correspondent, says that to fear that we should lose foreign trade by keeping our hands free to bargain with foreign nations is absurd. The foreign trade of Germany and the United States has increased much quicker than ours notwithstanding protection, while the cost of living in the United States leaves a much larger margin for the workman.

ACTIVITY OF THE MULLAH.

London, June 15.

A War Office despatch from Bohotle states that the Mullah has cut the telegraphs, and executed a flank march with the intention of raiding the line of communication between Bohotle and Berbera. All posts are being strengthened. A *Daily Telegraph* despatch from Aden states that the Mullah has cut up a convoy between Garrero and Bohotle. According to native rumours Colonel Cobbe is surrounded at Galadi, and General Manning is unable to move to his assistance.

STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Brodrick, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that General Manning had been ordered six weeks since to concentrate on Bohotle, and he believed he was doing so.

ABNORMAL RAIN.

London, June 15.

There have been fifty-five hours' unceasing rain in London and South England, and rain is still falling. Large tracts are submerged, houses and streets are flooded, railway traffic is disorganised, and the hay crop is ruined. Snow is falling in the highlands.

Allahabad, June 16.

London, June 15.—A telegraph from Washington says that Lord Roberts will visit the United States in October next. The Commander-in-Chief will probably go to Boston, New York, and Washington.—*Pioneer Special*.

London, June 16.

Karageorgevitch has wired from Geneva to Belgrade intimating his acceptance of his election to the throne of Serbia.

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